

Glemsford Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 9th October 2012 @ 7.15 at Glemsford Village Hall

Present: Cllr Brown (Chairman) Mallalieu, Plumb, Southgate, Bloomfield, Taylor and Sewell, D George (clerk) and 7 members of the public.

01.10 Chairman's announcements

Cllr Brown welcomed all to the meeting. A reminder was given for councillors to acknowledge receipt of the Code of Conduct. Two vacancies on the Council were announced. Cllrs Mallalieu and Southgate were acknowledged for attendance at courses on grants and funding opportunities and wildlife project schemes respectively.

02.10 Apologies for absence

Cllr Kemp, DCllr Thake and PCSO Hannah Partington.

03.10 Declarations of interest

Cllr Plumb declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application B/12/01101/FHA.

04.10 Police Matters

The clerk read a report. This can be viewed on the website or is available for viewing at the clerk's office.

05.10 To adopt minutes of Council meeting on the 11th September

It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on the 11th September subject to an amendment from DCllr Thake. Minute should read crime panel not scrutiny panel.

06.10 Matters arising

Minutes are to be recorded for reference purposes. No objections were raised to this. A meeting of the finance committee is to take place on the 23rd October at 7pm.

07.10 To receive reports

Cllr Kemp – a report is available to view on the website or at the clerk's office.

DCllr Young – A mutually convenient date is being arranged for the community engagement meeting at the village hall. A strategy meeting had been held but no firm decisions were made. The budget for next year is soon to be completed.

08.10 Accounts for approval

It was resolved to make payments.

09.10 Public question time

No questions.

10.10 Church Christmas Fayre

It was resolved to allow the Church use of the village hall free of charge on the 24th November.

11.10 Tree planting – copse and Jubilee trees

It was agreed that locations for planting of the Jubilee tree and the new copse would have to be found. Various ideas were discussed which included Tye Green and the playing field. Sue and Terry will consult members of the gardening club for suggestions. Anyone who has ideas, please advise the Parish Council. Someone to officially plant the Jubilee tree was also discussed. A lady the same age as the Queen was suggested. Again, any ideas please let the Parish Council know. Planting will need to take place between November and March.

12.10 Play area – opening ceremony

Cllr Brown recommended Cllr Mallalieu to open the play parks in recognition of all the hard work she had done in establishing these. The parks are not quite finished but should be complete by the 19th October. It is hoped that Wicksteed will provide goody bags for children and an official opening date will be arranged for the week commencing 29th October.

13.10 Catch 22 – use of

It was resolved to use the services of Catch 22, a maximum of 5 young offenders who offer free of charge supervised services including jobs such as painting and gardening. Sudbury Town Council has recently gone into partnership with the charity.

14.10 Young Mums coffee morning – PC involvement

It was resolved to donate £150 to buy essentials to establish a young mums coffee morning. A venue is as yet to be confirmed.

15.10 Fund raising – report from SALC meeting

The very interesting meeting covered all aspects of funding and associated topics including risk assessments and where to find funding. The advice covered projects from playing fields to new doors for disabled access. A ‘vision’ is needed, being creative as well as filling needs. An approach to the village would need to be made for ideas.

16.10 Neighbourhood planning

It was resolved to go ahead with the neighbourhood plan. It is not clear if funding will be available for this. It was agreed that guidance will be required with establishing the plan. Cllr Young is to give the clerk details of a contact at BDC who may be able to help. Cllr Mallalieu requested permission to register on-line to receive templates and downloads that may aid the process. No objections were raised. Cllr Plumb suggested the parish council approaches the public to get them involved. Contact via the website would be a means to help with this.

17.10 Councillor Training

It was resolved that Councillors will attend Councillor training at SALC. Also a training session hosted by Stanstead Parish Council. Dates and numbers to be confirmed.

18.10 Planning

New applications

B/12/01067/FUL – Hunts Hill Stores

Change of use of part of first floor retail storage area to manager’s flat.

It was resolved to recommend approval

B/12/00956/TCA - 23 Lion Rd

Remove 1no spruce tree

It was resolved to recommend approval

8.45pm Cllr Plumb leaves the room

B/12/01101/FHA - 6 Greyhound Rd

Conversion of existing garage into living accommodation

It was resolved to recommend approval

8.48pm Cllr Plumb returns to the room

B/12//001157/FHA - 20 Bells Lane

Erection of front dormer window and detached garage

It was resolved to recommend approval

Applications granted **B/12/00844/FHA/JD - 15 Patticraft**

Erection of a UPVC conservatory

B/12/01051/TCA - 43 Egremont St

Fell 1no silver birch tree

B/12/00598/ADV/GD - Glemsford Motor Services, Bells Lane

Erection of internally illuminated fascia sign to top of shop unit no2

B/12/00599/FUL/GD - Glemsford Motor Services, Bells Lane

Erection of single-storey building to accommodate 2no class A1 retail units (existing workshop/office and bungalow to be demolished)

B/12/00600/CAC/GD - Glemsford Motor Services, Bells Lane

Conservation area consent - demolition of workshops/office and existing bungalow

19.10 Correspondence to report

Fiona Dinning-Cole reported that the Heart Internet was being closed down. This was confirmed to be in order.

Cllr Young had received a request for a Jubilee mug. None were currently available.

Glemsford Local History Society requested the possibility of a storage facility at the village hall for historical archives and artefacts. ***It was resolved*** to keep this suggestion in mind when future plans for the layout of the village hall are being considered.

Suffolk County Council is looking to sublet the library lease to the new Industrial and Provident Society which requires landlords consent. ***It was resolved*** to give permission to allow this. Reasonable costs will be covered by SCC.

There will be a road closure from Chequers Lane to Brook Croft between 15.10.12-26.10.12. (Further details on website).

An invitation from SALC had been received to attend their Annual General Meeting 2012. Cllrs Brown, Mallalieu and Bloomfield have volunteered to attend.

Planning permission is to be sought to cut back trees surrounding the village hall.

A letter had been received concerning the play park in Kings Rd. Cllr Mallalieu gave reply to this.

20.10 Date of next meeting 13th November 2012

Meeting finished at 9.05pm